

South Dakota CROP VALUES

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1999 CROP VALUES DOWN

SIoux FALLS, February 11, 2000 -- The value of all principal crops grown in South Dakota in 1999 totaled 2.06 billion dollars, according to the USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. This is down 8 percent from the 2.23 billion dollar value of 1998 crops and 18 percent below the 2.50 billion dollar value of 1997 crops.

Soybeans was the leading valued crop of 1999, at 644.7 million dollars, up 6 percent from 1998. Corn was ranked as the second highest valued crop at 587.6 million; followed by alfalfa hay, third at 305.8 million; other spring wheat, fourth, at 173.6 million; and winter wheat, fifth, at 139.2 million. Remaining crops and their 1999 values are: sunflower, 87.6 million; other hay, 80.2 million; oats, 13.4 million; barley, 7.1 million; sorghum for grain, 5.6 million; potatoes, 4.6 million; durum wheat, 3.9 million; rye, 1.5 million; flaxseed, 1.4 million.

The 1999 values of corn, sorghum, oats, barley, winter wheat, spring wheat, rye, flaxseed, potatoes, sunflower, alfalfa hay, and other hay all showed a decrease from 1998. Soybeans and durum wheat showed higher values over 1998 despite lower prices because of increased production. Crop values are computed by multiplying the marketing year average price by the production.

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